

The Snyder Signal

SECOND YEAR.

SNYDER, SCCRUY COUNTY, TEXAS, FRIDAY, DEC. 20, 1918.

NUMBER TWENTY-SEVEN

GOOD ROADS MEETING MONDAY

Business authorizes a call meeting to be held at 7 o'clock in the evening Monday evening December 24th at 7 o'clock in the school building to elect officers and organization. Let all make your notice and be on hand.

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONERS RESPOND TO PETITION

Good Roads For Construction of Roads in Scurry County.

Judge W. H. Adcock was in Austin a few days ago in conference with the State Highway Commission to the matter of making an appropriation to complete the amount of road funds necessary raised here and it is learned that the commission agrees to appropriate \$12,500 for Highway No. 7. This is the route that will traverse the county from southeast to northeast, passing through Snyder. The matter of further appropriations for other sections of our road system will be taken up later and we have abundant reason to expect that the commission will grant the amount desired, equal to the amount put up by the county in the proceeds of the bonds.

Good Building Campaign Starts.

After the winding up hours of commissioners' court term has been an order was passed granting to Mrs. Hilda Weems a pension of \$15.00 a month to aid in support of herself and children.

The court made the official return of the vote cast in the road bond election of the "7" and "W" which resulted in \$45 for the bonds and \$12 against the bonds.

The chart is going right along to have the bonds issued and approved and registered and set Dec. 21st the day to open and pass upon bids for the new bonds. The court contracted with Henry E. Elford of Dallas to have charge of the engine setting work and supervision of construction agreeing to pay him 4 1/2 per cent of the total cost. Work will start soon after the holidays.

Court Held Session at Pyron.

County Commissioners J. L. Patterson of precinct No. 1 was sick last week and not able to attend court and when the time came to have the Road Bond orders signed by the Judge and the other Commissioners took the papers to Mr. Patterson's home at Pyron to get his signature.

In this act the man of many years was temporarily located Pyron. Our old friend John V. Brown has contended for a long time that unless we do his right as well as the rights of the people he would not be satisfied.

Now, he sends us word that if he can't control the affairs at Pyron and we don't treat him right about the bonds he is going to ask for removal of the county seat from Snyder to Pleasanton in Fisher county.

Mr. W. A. Johnson came in Wednesday morning from Oklahoma and Mrs. Johnson arrived here Thursday morning from Brownsville. They will probably spend the holidays with friends there.

The seasons are coming and you can safely risk the effort to make a crop in Scurry county in 1919 just knock off and go at it. We will not have to ship feed into this country or see next summer.

SNYDER IN MOUNTAIN

TIME ZONE

which provides that our time is to be between Snyder and Abilene.

The Interstate Commerce Commission have submitted their report establishing Standard Time zone limits and it is noted that Scurry county is placed in the Mountain Time Zone. When people would go from here to one hour later than heretofore when people would go from here to El Paso they found it necessary to set their watches back one hour to agree with El Paso time. Now, under the new arrangement if we go to Abilene we must run our watches up an hour. There is no penalty for not doing so except that the inconvenience may come from two reckonings of time.

Persons in Snyder who have noted that the sun sets about 5:30 now must make it 4:30 and we will have to arrange to go to work at 8 a.m. instead of 8, and schools will probably open at 10 instead of 9 o'clock.

The east boundary line of the Mountain Zone starts at Portal, N. D. on the Cactus line. Comes down through North and South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, and enters Texas at the southeast corner of Collingsworth county. The line then comes down through Donley, Hall, Matney, Floyd, Dickens, Kent and Garza Counties and enters Scurry at Pottsboro, thence west along the north line of Scurry county to the northeast corner, thence south along the east line of Scurry to the Santa Fe railroad near Pyron, thence with the railroad to Sweetwater, thence parallel with the Texas & Pacific, to Big Spring.

From Big Spring the line runs through Glasscock, Roger and Runaway to San Angelo, thence with the 100th Meridian to the Rio Grande.

Motor Cars For Texas.

Austin, Dec. 9.—The total number of licenses for motor vehicles in Texas is 221,500, with Dallas county leading the state with 18,715. Those numbers have been issued since the law requiring the registration of motor vehicles went into effect in June of 1917.

Of this number about 20,000 have been junked, or removed from the state, put in storage or otherwise disposed of, leaving at the present time about 200,000 "live" registered motor vehicles in the state.

Seven hundred and fifty-fourty motor licenses were issued in Nolan county; 682 in Fisher and 610 in Scurry—Sweetwater Reporter.

Their Father Died.

Mr. E. A. Edmondson, father of Mrs. Fred Grayson and Mrs. Joe Stinson died suddenly last week at Sweetwater, Texas, and was buried at Big Spring. Mrs. Stinson attended the funeral. On account of sickness in the family Mrs. Grayson could not go.

H. M. Stokes returned Thursday morning from a business trip to Wichita, Kansas. He says he saw a big snow in the Amarillo country. It extended about 30 miles north and south of that town. As he passed through Kansas and Oklahoma the weather was dreary. For miles and miles one sees nothing but wheat fields through Kansas and Oklahoma and it is looking fine.

Bat Brown knows a good thing when he sees it. He has decided to quit town life and go back to the farm. He says he is going to cultivate 172 acres of the Curvy farm and is now sowing some of it in wheat.

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You have till Dec. 31, to pay your pledge for purchase of War Savings Stamps.

Master Aubrey Stokes fell here Tuesday and his left arm was broken below the elbow.

SHE KEPT THEM ON THE JOB



THE KNIGHTS TEMPLARS ARE BUSY AT WORK

Local Commandery Mason this Week Conferred Orders upon Large Class of Candidates.

Work in the Masonic hall under the direction of the local commandery has been much in evidence of late with the result that many members have been added to the order. Tuesday night the orders of knighthood were conferred upon a class of four, C. W. Hartlett, Hugh Irene, O. P. Thrane, and E. L. Peterson. This will be followed by work on Thursday and Saturday nights of this week, and beginning at 5 o'clock on the evening of Dec. 31, a class of six additional candidates will receive their orders. Special efforts will be put forth to make the last named meeting one of much interest to commandery masons and a large attendance is expected. The commandery will be inspected at this time by a representative of the Grand Commandery and other interesting features will occur on the program. The work of conferring the orders will be under the direction of the home degree team. Announcement of the date of the annual reception to be given by the Templars to their wives and families will be made later.

ZERIE HUCKABEE RELEASED FROM GERMAN PRISON

OIL DEVELOPMENTS IN SCCRUY COUNTY

THE OIL DEVELOPMENTS ARE STILL BURNING FIRE

No new visible developments have taken place in the Scurry county oil fields since last week's report, however, there has been much speculation as to the exact status of the situation. Various and sundry reports bob up from several directions, and not two seem to concur, other than in a vague manner. Putting two and two together in several of the reports, close figures can only obtain the total of four, while others readily figure the answer as five.

Regardless of all the tom foolery though, much interest is manifested in the belief that four drills will be in operation in the Dunn territory on or about, or possibly before January 15, 1919.

The drilled well on section forty-eight stands as it did last week. Some say it was plugged with mud and left for future reference. Others intimate that the ocean of water story was a camouflage, and that the drill struck a pool of oil. We leave the situation up to day dreamers in the next week.

Come to Texas and on to Snyder

School Is To Resume.

The general opinion gains force that the influenza situation is growing better, and it is now expected that the city schools will resume operations on Dec. 20.

A Little More Rain.

Slow rains fell here throughout Wednesday night and the measurement Thursday morning showed .27 of an inch. This adds to this week's soft good prospect for more. Keep it in mind we are going to make crops in Scurry county in 1919. The wheat is looking fine.

Marriage Personified Issued.

On Dec. 16, County Clerk, Clegg issued a marriage license for Mr. Claude Williams of Brown county and Mrs. Rhoda Richardson of west of Snyder, and on Dec. 16, a license was issued for Mr. F. J. Ross and Miss Annie Rausch, both of the Hirschfeld Prospect.

If men just will not refrain from profiting on their customers, then we are in favor of federal control to make them do it.

Postal Clock Examination.

On January 11, 1919, there will be an open competition examination held in Snyder for position of post office clerk.

For further information, see your postmaster.

Friends Chanted "Hooray Their Friends".

Washington, Dec. 4.—In telling the story of German propaganda in America, a little sidelight came in the Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice showed the committee investigating brewery and German propaganda cables sent to Berlin between Von Bernstorff and the Berlin Foreign Office in which Bernstorff urged that special laws be drawn William Dwyer Hale, an American about to visit Berlin as a correspondent, because he was employed by the Hearst papers which Von Bernstorff said could be dependent upon it to cover Germany.

Secretary Burleson proposes to reduce telephone charges. He believes they ought to be cheap.

The little daughter of Sheriff and Mrs. J. H. Bryd has been quite sick but was reported better Thursday.

War Savings Stamp pledges are personal binding obligations on the persons who made them. All necessary steps to secure their liquidation will be taken.

War Savings Stamps are not subject to taxation.

SNYDER ACTIVITIES OF THE RED CROSS

Municipal Xmas Tree Program.

Dec. 24, 1918, Public Square 7:30 p.m.

P. M.
Anthem "Peace Sweet Peace"
Address, Mayor.

Song, Children.

Address, W. W. Hamilton.

Anthem, "Silent Night."

"Trooping of Colors," Americans.

Old Fellows Elect Officers.

Snyder Lodge No. 462 I. O. O. F.

elected officers last Friday night as follows:

W. A. Temple, Noble Grand,
J. H. Johnson, vice grand,
Harvey Hunter, Secretary,
W. P. Lykens, Treasurer.

Joe Strayhorn, Representative.

A child of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Mayo of North Snyder died Wednesday night.

Rain fell here nearly all day Thursday and the ground is good and mud dry and the hopes and morale of the people have been wonderfully lifted up.

OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION

The United States Government requests the payment of pledges to buy War Savings Stamps.

December 24, 1918.

Notice is hereby given to all persons who have signed Pledge Cards agreeing to invest in United States Government War Savings Stamps that it is expected that all such pledges will be liquidated before December 31st 1918.

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK
10TH DISTRICT
R. L. Van Zandt
GOVERNOR

UNITED STATES TREASURY
WAR LOAN ORGANIZATION
WAR SAVINGS SECTION
Louis Lipsitz
DIRECTOR OF TRADE

The official proclamation, calling for the payment of all War Savings Stamp Pledges before December 31, has been issued by the Government. A facsimile of the official proclamation is shown above. The last day of grace for the liquidation of War Savings Stamp Pledges is December 31.

FEDERAL CONTROL OF WIRE SERVICE

Washington, Dec. 11.—A bill to authorize the Postmaster General to negotiate the increase of telephone services now under Government control and providing for a survey of telegraph company properties was introduced in the House, being by Chairman Mohr of the Post office Committee, who said Post Master General Burleson had informed him the President approved the measure.

The bill would direct that government control of the telephone and telegraph be continued until otherwise ordered by Congress. It sets forth that authority for the purchase of telephone lines after apportionment is given by existing law.

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